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### Situation Report Severe Storms

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#### SUMMARY

A cold frontal boundary collided with moisture streaming in from the Pacific and Gulf of Mexico, this caused a line of thunderstorms followed by freezing rain and sleet. This storm moved across Missouri early Sunday morning. In some areas the freezing rain is predicted to be up to an inch and an inch and half before the first part of the storm transition. The worst part of the storm is along the U.S. 54 corridor, from Nevada to Louisiana, Missouri. SEMA activated the State Emergency Operations Center to Level Two since Sunday at Noon. Governor Blunt has declared this incident a State Emergency freeing up state resources to assist the local units of government. There was one weather related fatality in Callaway County. A motorist who stopped to help another was killed when he was hit by a car that skidded on ice and struck him in the median. He was pronounced dead at the scene. **Governor Blunt visited many of the disaster sites this afternoon. He made stops at Eldon, Jefferson City and Fulton.**

The total number of Missourians without power is approximately **102,612**. Ameren officials report, **29,512** customers in Missouri are without power primarily north of a line from Jefferson City – St. Charles, Missouri. Ameren expects that power outages may last as late as Wednesday in Eldon and Jefferson City areas. Additional linemen were requested from other utilities. Aquilla (Kansas City) reports only about 100 customers around Nevada are without power. Empire Electric reports 45,000 without power primarily in Joplin and/or north of I-44. Missouri Electric Cooperative Association reports several Co-ops have requested help and crews from Arkansas and Kentucky are coming to Missouri. Statewide Cooperatives 27,000 without power. Currently being able to use local and Missouri based crews in restoring power. MoDOT and Missouri State Highway Patrol are giving relief power crews priority.

#### County Reports:

**Barry County** – Receiving rain, temperatures too high for freezing. Received icing about ¼” thick. Sporadic power outages have occurred throughout the county. One shelter is on standby. Approximately 1,500 Empire Electric Customers without power.

**Barton County** – One person injured in tree falling on him in Lamar. Two homes sustained fire damage. Shelter opened at Memorial Hall in Lamar, but lost power. Shelterees are being transferred to the National Guard Armory. Water and meals are moving toward Barton County to assist shelter operations. Approximately 104 people stayed in the shelter last night. **Barton County on boil-water order due to low water pressure.**

**Benton County** – 2,000 customers without power. Emergency Shelter will be opened at the community center. South West Electric has 5,000 customers without power. No phone service in Warsaw. Partial use of 911 system.

**Boone County** – Widespread outages in Southern Boone County. Plans to open a warming shelter in Ashland are being made. **About 200 power outages are being addressed in the Ashland area. Hartsburg is without power and warming shelter for 20 is being set up.**

**Callaway County** – Power is down throughout the county and City of Fulton. No shelters open at this time. EOC is on standby. **36 hour before Holts Summit can get back on line, shelter has been opened About 6,000 people in Callaway County are without power.**

**Cedar County** – Power is down throughout the county. Southwestern part of the county hit the hardest. No shelters at this time.

**Clay County - EMD is getting County prepared. Contact with media has been made.**

**Cole County** - Power outages throughout the County. City of Jefferson with a lot of customers without power. One shelter opened and two on standby. **22,000 people without power reported by EMD – one shelter with 50 people. 11,716 Ameren customers are without power in Jefferson City.**

**Dade County** – Power outages throughout the County. Shelter has been set up at a nursing home. No people were in the shelter last night.

**Dent County** – Heavy rains at this time. Less than ¼” of ice. No major outages.

**Douglas County – Ice on trees, no power outages, roads wet not slick.**

**Gasconade County** – South and central parts of the County has ice. Northern part has about a ¼ inch accumulation. Sporadic power outages reported in the Morrison Area. No shelters at this time.

**Greene County**— First report of trees and power lines down reported overnight. No requests for assistance. No sheltering at this time.

**Howard County** - No reports of power outages. Roads are slick – one minor traffic accident and one serious.

**Jackson County – Getting prepared for the next round of storms. EOCs in Eastern Jackson and Kansas City are Level One alert.** Coordination with Kansas City Power and Light is on-going.

**Jasper County** - Extent of precipitation is primarily in the north section of the county. Ice on trees and power lines. Joplin is power is still up, but there are some spotty outages. Power lines are being monitored. It was reported that Joplin Airport was without power. Joplin Airport has had their power restored in the administration building, but landing lights are out. Webb City has a nursing home with power issues. Moved patients from a nursing home to a hospital. **Approximately 30% to 40 % of Webb City is still without power. Several roads closures due to downed trees. City of Oranoga – Population of 2,200 without power and in need of road clearance.**

**Laclede County** – Minor power outages – MoDOT truck rolled over and driver was trapped. Driver was extracted and taken to the hospital. **Some rain 1/16<sup>th</sup> inch of ice. EOC standing up to provide mutual aid to other jurisdictions. 450 lost power, but back on. Lebanon has some power outages, but they are back on.**

**Lawrence County** – Some very sporadic outages. No shelters. Mostly a rain event.

**Lincoln County** – 5,000 people without power. Three shelters are open. One additional may be opened. Requested generators for all of the shelters.

**Maries County** - Warming centers are open. **City of Vienna is without power. Nursing Home is without power expecting generator . Roads are in good shape.**

**Miller County** – Power is out for most of the City of Eldon and Olean with approximately 3,500 out. One shelter open in Eldon and another one is expected to be open by American Red Cross.

**Montgomery County** – EMD reports that there are power outages throughout his county. One nursing home is without power and their generator is not working. They are requesting a generator for this nursing home. They are taking temporary steps to getting heat into the building. Additional information includes a second nursing home is without electricity. **EMD reports that he has seven warming stations open at this time. The nursing home in Montgomery City is back on line with power. Water Tower in High Hill, Missouri is off-line at this time. Debris clearance is becoming a key issue with the County. County Road and Bridge crews are removing them today and probably tomorrow. EMD confirmed that I-70 has been re-opened as of 1330 hrs on 10 December 2007.**

**Moniteau County** - Most of the City of California is without power. Two nursing homes with power issues. City may open shelters this evening. Power was restored last night, individual services to houses are being restored today. Shelters are on standby for tonight and tomorrow.

**Newton County** – Widespread power outages as of this morning (12/10). Northern part of the county near Saginaw is the primary outage. Opening a shelter in Neosho. Seneca is also out of power.

**Osage County** – Power outages in Bonnets Mill, Westphalia, and Chamois. **Four shelters have been opened, but no shelterees are in them. Power is being restored.**

**Pettis County** – In monitoring mode.

**Platte County** – Monitoring the situation – In standby mode. Planning for sheltering operations.

**Polk County** – Power outages throughout the county. Humansville is without power. Bolivar was receiving just rain at the time of their report. South West Electric (Co-op) has about 5,000 customers without power mainly in the north end of the county. Schools are closed. County Roads with ice – MoDOT is assisting with road clearance. One person requested shelter.

**Pulaski County** – Heavy rains at this time, some icing expecting around midnight. Minor power outages. MoDOT truck overturned.

**Randolph County** – No power outages, no shelters open at this time. Some icing on trees and power lines. Some snow and ice on major roads. Secondary roads are ice covered. Several accidents mostly minor in nature.

**Saint Charles County** - Level one activation they are expecting problems to be in the western and northern portion of the County. Ice is starting to form on vegetation in and around the Wentzville/Wright City area. 5,000 people without power. No requests for sheltering. Most of the outages are around the Wentzville area. No major problems as of 0800 hours. Isolated accidents out in the rural parts of the county. No shelters at this time. St. Charles City is standing down their operations. **St. Charles County EOC has stood down**

**Stone County** - Just Rain (12/10)

**Taney County** – Just Rain (12/10)

**Warren County** - EOC is activated at Level one and they are monitoring the situation. 7,800 people without power. Two warming shelters were opened - 7 people **and are now closed**. 1462 people without power. Several accidents due to black ice. **Warren County EOC has stood down.**

**Webster County** – Starting to see ice on trees in the north part of the County.

**Wright County** – Heavy rains at this time.

### **Weather**

National Weather Service (Springfield) indicates that a minor warming trend will occur in Southwest Missouri this afternoon. This will allow the end of a freezing rain south of a line from Girard, Kansas to Versailles, Missouri. There is a possibility of light freezing rain overnight on Tuesday into Wednesday. NWS does not think this last blast will be a significant event. However, this cold front that will move into Missouri on Tuesday night may cause problems for north central Missouri into northeast Missouri. National Weather Service (St. Louis) indicates that their area of concern is north and west of line from Kansas City to Kirksville. These storms are forming over Kansas and will transit Missouri Tuesday into Wednesday. There may be significant ice accumulations with this last round of storms.

**SEOC Activated** to Level **Two** and will be filling requests and supporting local jurisdictions.

### **State Agencies**

**DHSS** – Health and Senior Services have not received any request at this time, but have activated their Disaster Situation Room. The DSR has been activated around the clock.

**DSS** – Representative is on the way to the EOC to handle human services request. Working with private partners in setting up sheltering throughout the State.

**Elementary and Secondary Education** – **DESE** has received no reports from school districts regarding any major problems.

**MoDOT** – Department of Transportation reports all roads are passable after a wreck on I-70 between Columbia and Kingdom City, Missouri. They have activated all their Districts with the exception of Willow Springs and Sikeston. Their Central Office EOC is activation. I-70 was returned to service at 1430 hours after a railroad power line was removed. U.S. 54 in Jefferson City will be re-opened at 0500 hours tomorrow morning, but may have some width restrictions. **Wright City Rest Area re-opened after loss of power. Joplin Welcome Center re-opened after loss of power. Multi-modal reported Missouri and North Arkansas is having problems with crossing signals not working. Trains are required to stop and flag all crossings.**

**Missouri State Highway Patrol** – Highway Patrol representatives in the State EOC report another power line down across I-70 at Mile Marker 172 in Montgomery County. Both lanes of I-70 are closed. Power Company and MSHP resources are headed to the scene. Route AA closed in Cole County.

**Missouri Information Analysis Center** – Continues to provide situational awareness to SEMA

**Missouri Department of Natural Resources** – DNR Water checking with local water districts to see if they are in need of assistance.

**Office of Administration** - Representatives are at the EOC and responding to requests primarily for generators.

**Department of Conservation** - Conservation are currently working three request for help removing debris (Jasper, Newton and Cedar Counties). Conservation is preparing chainsaw/equipment teams to deploy to all these areas at this time.

**Department of Higher Education** - - Reported to the EOC on Sunday, 9 December 2007 (this was left out of the SITREP from yesterday).

**State Fire Marshal** – Instituted Fire Mutual Aid to assist communities in debris control and removal.

**Federal Government:**

**FEMA liaison has arrived at State Emergency Operations Center. FEMA has activated the FEMA Region VII Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) to support state operations.**

**Non Government Organizations/Volunteer Organizations:**

American Red Cross is assisting sheltering operations throughout the State of Missouri. Any one with shelter needs for ARC need to contact the ARC through SEMA. **ARC is opening additional shelters in Cole County.**

Salvation Army – Working on Lincoln County Shelters and also Jasper County shelters Any one with shelter needs need to contact the SA through SEMA. **SA is opening feeding center in Jefferson City.**

AmeriCorps -Two AmeriCorps volunteers are at the State EOC working the help line. They are putting together strike teams to assist communities in debris clearance. They are also setting up a help line 888-377-2100. **AmeriCorps is taking donations at the above number.**

Emergency calls for warming centers and to get assistance and special needs as well – please call 888-377-2100. This number is also good for donations.

Missouri Assn of Rural Electric Cooperatives is working with member organizations on rural power restoration.

**Point of Contact:**

**The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed until further notice on a 24-hour basis.**